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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover a three (3) month extension of time fee;
- 2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
- 3. Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
- 4. A return postcard.

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